

**ABERDEEN PROVING GROUND
RETIREE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Saturday, April 18, 2015**

Council members present: Chair LTC (Retired) Nelson Laughton, Co-Chair 1SG (Retired) Thomas Shumate, SGM (Retired) Robert Richardson, CMSGT (Retired) Thomas Alley, MSG (Retired) Nancy West, SFC (Retired) Rich Zalusky, SSG (Retired) Genaro Flores Jr., SSG (Retired) Rita Hewitt, RSO Ms Betty Willard and DHR Mrs. Janet Dettwiler.

Council members not present: 1SG (Retired) Lonzia Hawkins, and SFC (Retired) Tony Rose

The meeting was called to order at 9:00AM.

Topics of discussion:

Guest speaker update: Maryland Senator Robert Cassilly is confirmed as guest speaker. Coordination for installation access and meeting with Installation Commander MG Crawford and Garrison Commander Colonel McClinton prior to RAD event. Robert Richardson will provide escort from visitor center to recreation center. Tom Shumate/Rich Zalusky coordinate and setup backroom at recreation center for meeting.

Vendors update: Reviewed and finalized vendor list. Tracking 45+ vendors to attend this year's event.

Lunch arrangements update: First Sergeant's BBQ prepared to serve 75 meals per contract and have coffee and water available at 0800.

Program: Final IPR with installation commander, MG Crawford, scheduled 21 April. Based on final guidance Tom Shumate will finalize program and forwarded to Nelson for final review prior to publication. Program to be sent to print no later than 25 April.

Freestate Challenge Cadets support update: Rich provided update – New POC at Freestate – SGT Johnson. Cadets will support setup 0800 – 1130, 8 May 2015 and during the event 0800 -1300, 9 May 2015. Rich Zalusky will coordinate with SGT Johnson to identify cadets to allow certificates to be prepared and signed the week of the event.

Marketing/Advertising update: Nancy West provided update; marketing completed, news article and flyer posted at commissary, PX, etc. Recommended final push at Veterans Organization – hand deliver flyer to local VFW and American Legions. Tom Alley will handle.

Directional signs update: Additional 7 signs have been purchased.

John Hopkins Family Health Plan giveaways update: John Hopkins tote bag received.

Scheduled Council Meetings for CY 2015:

March 21

April 18

May 9**RAD Day**meet at AA Rec Center

June 6--RAD AAR

July--no meeting

August--no meeting

September--no meeting

October 17

November 21

December 19